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Arizona Corporation Commission
Docket No. L-00000F-09-0190-00144
Case #144
Vail to Valencia
Public Comment

Chairman John Foreman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Dear Chairman Foreman and Members of the Committee,

My name is J.J. Lamb and I live in New Tucson, one of the many small communities in the Vail/Cienega corridor. New Tucson is east of the proposed transmission line upgrade and new interconnection to the Vail Substation and is actually served by TRICO Electric. I write as a community volunteer and registered voter in Pima County. I am a volunteer co-director of the Vail Preservation Society and I am a native Tucsonan. I hold a BA in history and have also lived in Europe for several years. My daughter read my comments to the Commissioners at the public meeting on August 18th 2008 concerning TEP line site case #137 (Decision 70469). Some areas of concern my daughter read for me at that meeting are of concern now.

1.) "I feel strongly that protecting the cultural and historical integrity of a community makes it stronger and its members more vested in its natural and cultural resources that make that community a special place to live. She also read of the "Vail Preservation Society's interests in helping TEP work with community sensitive safety and visual issues in fledgling historic districts." The Vail Preservation Society's boundaries written in its strategic plan extend westward to Wilmot Rd.

In addition to the comments before the Commissioners on August 18th 2009, I spoke at call to the audience on the opening day of the evidentiary hearing for Line Site Case 137 on February 19th 2008 and said "We would also like to request that we be added to your contact list of area stakeholders"

It saddens me to note that there was not an Open House held in the Vail/Corona de Tucson area regarding Line Site Case 144. I was in attendance when Commissioner Mayes stated that there should be aggressive upfront outreach to communities.

It is for the above reasons that I respectfully request the Committee add a condition for a Citizen's Advisory Council to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, should it be granted to avoid confusion over transmission planning.

2. Secondly, at the meeting on August 18 2009 my daughter read of my concerns regarding pole color. I would like to request that any monopoles located adjacent to areas with existing steel lattice towers or placed in "virgin" areas against open sky or distant mountains have a galvanized steel finish.

Other concerns include the potential use of the proposed Vail Substation as a gas-fired power plant; it is my understanding that the City of Tucson approved zoning for this purpose and any potential use of this line for the proposed Rosemont line.

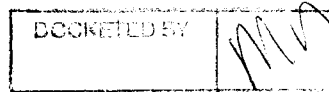
Thank You,
Dated this 25th day of May 2009
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